

CHAPTER: IX <b>FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY</b>	SECTION: 11 <b>INCOME - INELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CALCULATIONS</b>	COMAR: <b>07.03.03.12</b>
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## **INCOME CALULATIONS – INELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

- A. Ineligible household members include:
1. An individual who has not provided a Social Security Number or proof of filing for one
  2. An illegal or undocumented immigrant
  3. An individual in violation of parole or probation
  4. An individual convicted of a felony after August 22, 1996 involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance
  5. A fleeing felon
  6. An individual within the 10 year penalty period for misrepresentation of residence to get cash assistance from 2 or more states
- B. Income of the following excluded household members **shall not be counted** as available to the assistance unit:
1. The earned income of a sanctioned child (all unearned income of a sanctioned child is counted)
  2. The income or assets of an Supplemental Security Income customer (SSI)
  3. An adoption subsidy received for a child in the household, but not in the assistance unit
  4. Foster care payments received for a child in the household, but not in the assistance unit
- C. If the ineligible individual is an applicant, the initial needs test must be done using the **20%** earned income disregard or **50%** if self employed. If the applicant passes the initial needs test, then complete steps D 1. through D 8. below.
- D. A prorated portion of the income of any other ineligible household member **shall be counted** as income to the assistance unit as follows:
1. Disregard 35% of the gross earned income, or 50% of the self-employed income (the cost to produce is included)
  2. Deduct child care expenses up to the maximum of \$200 per month per child for full-time employment or up to the maximum of \$100 per month per child for part-time employment
  3. Deduct child support payments made to persons outside of the assistance unit

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4. Deduct alimony payments made to persons living outside of the assistance unit for stepparent and sponsor cases only
5. Add all unearned income
6. Divide the result by the number of individuals in the assistance unit, **including the ineligible member**, and then
7. Multiply the result by the number of individuals in the assistance unit **excluding the ineligible member**
8. The result is the amount of countable income available to the assistance unit from the ineligible household member

### EXAMPLES:

Example 1. Mr. Noceme lives with his wife and 2 children. He was convicted of drug possession in 1997. Mr. Noceme is self-employed as a fruit vendor and earns \$500 a month. All factors of eligibility have been established. Mr. Noceme cannot be included in the assistance unit, but his income must be used to determine the benefit amount for his wife and 2 children. They do not have any child care expenses to claim.

- 50% of his gross monthly earnings of \$500 = \$250  

$$\$250 \div 4 \text{ (number in assistance unit, including Mr. Noceme)} = \$62$$

$$\$62 \times 3 \text{ (number in assistance unit, excluding Mr. Noceme)} = \$186$$

$$\$186 = \text{The amount of countable income available from Mr. Noceme to his family.}$$

$$\$417 = \text{Benefit amount for a family size 3}$$

$$\underline{-186} = \text{Countable amount from Mr. Noceme}$$

$$\$231 = \text{Monthly TCA benefit amount for the wife and 2 children}$$

Example 2. Mrs. Delay, an applicant, is an illegal immigrant. She has an 8 year-old daughter, works part time, earns \$400 a month, and pays \$100 a month for child care. All factors of eligibility have been established. Mrs. Delay cannot be in the assistance unit, at this time, but her income must be used to determine the benefit amount for her daughter.

- \$400 = Gross monthly earnings

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- 80 = 20% disregard

\$ 320

- 100 = Child care expense

\$220 ÷ 2 (number in assistance unit, **including** Mrs. Delay) = \$110

\$110 x 1 (number in assistance unit, **excluding** Mrs. Delay) = \$110

\$110 is less than \$185 (the TCA grant for one), therefore Mrs. Delay has passed the initial needs test and is eligible to receive the 35% disregard of earnings

\$400 = Gross monthly earnings

-140 = 35% disregard

\$260

-100 = Child care expense

\$160 ÷ 2 (number in assistance unit, **including** Mrs. Delay) = \$80

\$80 x 1 (number in assistance unit, **excluding** Mrs. Delay) = \$80

\$80 is the net amount available to the 8 year-old daughter

\$185 = The TCA benefit grant for 1 person (the daughter)

- 80 = Net resource from Mrs. Delay to the daughter

\$105 = The TCA grant amount

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Assistance Unit – Basic Requirements
- Financial Eligibility – Earned Income
- Sanctions
- Technical Eligibility – Citizenship/Immigrants